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SUBJECT: REASSIGNMENT OF RSO GEORGE PAYNE

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1. AS RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH ADMIN. COUNSELOR WASKA AND RSO PAYNE IN DEPARTMENT, SY PLANS REASSIGN PAYNE TO PRETORIA AS SENIOR RSO. POSITION IN PRETORIA IS SUPERVISORY IN NATURE, DEMANDING AN EXPERIENCED SY OFFICER, WITH A BROAD KNOWLEDGE OF DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL SECURITY AND ANTI-TERRORISM PROGRAMS. CONDITIONS IN THE 8 COUNTRIES (12 POSTS) SERVICED IN THE PRETORIA REGION AND POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED SECURITY OFFICER STAFFING OF RSO OFFICE DEMAND OFFICER OF PAYNE'S SECURITY BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

2. PAYNE SHOULD PLAN DEPART TAIPEI IN EARLY OCTOBER TO PERMIT SUITABLE OVERLAP WITH PRESENT SENIOR RSO INCUMBENT PRETORIA. SY CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR PAYNE. APPROPRIATE OVERLAP WILL BE

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